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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE II TA 4630 UNRWA SHIPPING PROPOSAL FOR  
JORDAN

REF: STATE 6974 AND 26227

1. SS "MASON LYKES" ARRIVED BEIRUT JAN 13 CARRYING 5,086 MT OF FLOUR FOR UNRWA/JORDAN AND DEPARTED JAN 26. TURN-AROUND TIME LENGTHENED BY SEVERE STORMS AND RESULTANT HEAVY PORT CONGESTION, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN LONGER HAD NOT UNRWA OFFICIALS AND LOCAL LYKES AGENT ARRANGED WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES FOR PRIORITY BERTHING AND CARGO HANDLING. UNRWA HEADQUARTERS BELIEVES UNLOADING WAS AS EXPEDITIOUS AS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. AGENCY NOTES THAT SECOND SHIPMENT OF 3.931 MT FLOUR DESTINED FOR JORDAN ARRIVED HERE ABOARD SS "JOSEPH LYKES" FEB 7, AND THAT VESSEL HAD DISCHARGED CARGO AND DEPARTED ON FEB 12 DESPITE CONTINUING PORT CONGESTION. NOW AWAITING ARRIVAL OF SS "LOUISE LYKES" WITH 6.114 MT FLOUR FEB 23, AND EXPECTATION IS THAT THIS SHIPMENT WILL ALSO RECEIVE PRIORITY HANDLING AT BEIRUT PORT.

2. ALTHOUGH UNRWA OFFICIALS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH  
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SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE, THEY VERY DISTURBED BY FACT

THAT REPEATED HEAVY SNOWFALLS, WHICH HAVE CAUSED PRO-  
LONGED CLOSURE OF MOUNTAIN ROAD AND RAIL ROUTES TO SYRIA,  
HAVE PREVENTED ONWARD SHIPMENT OF ALL BUT FRACTION OF  
"MASON LYKES" CARGO TO JORDAN. ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC  
RESUMED SEVERAL DAYS AGO, BUT ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES IN  
MOVING JORDAN-BOUND FLOUR ARE BEING ENCOUNTERED DUE TO  
LOCAL SHORTAGE OF TRUCKS AND PUNY CAPACITY OF JITNEY  
RAILROAD TO DAMASCUS. AGENCY HOPES TO HAVE MOVED "JOSEPH  
LYKES" CARGO OUT OF LEBANON BY TIME "LOUISE LYKES"  
ARRIVES FEB 23, BUT MOST OF " MASON LYKES" CARGO--WHICH  
HAS BEEN MOVED FROM BEIRUT PORT TO LOCAL AGENCY WARE-  
HOUSE TO AVOID PORT STORAGE CHARGES-- WILL PROBABLY TAKE  
LONGER TO \*OVE. IN FACT, UNRWA MAY DECIDE RETAIN SOME  
OF IT FOR USE IN LEBANON OR SYRIA AND DRAW ON FLOUR  
RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES (E.G., FRENCH FLOUR TO BE  
DISCHARGED AT SYRIAN PORT OF TARTUS NEXT WEEK) TO MAKE  
UP DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS IN JORDAN.

3. DESPITE THESE PROBLEMS, UNRWA COMPTROLLER CALLOW, WHEN  
INFORMED OF CONTENTS PARA 4 STATE 6974, STRONGLY URGED  
QAT ALL RPT ALL SHIPMENT OF US FLOUR DESTINED FOR UNRWA'S  
USE IN JORDAN BE DELIVERED TO BEIRUT. HAVING  
AGREED TO AID/WASHINGTON'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL THAT THIS  
BE DONE AND HAVING SIGNED REQUISITE PA/PR (SEE  
CAROLAN-PRAHASH KETTER DATED FEB 7), CALLOW OPPOSES  
ANY AMENDMENT ON GROUNDS IT TANTAMOUNT TO "CHANING  
HORSES IN MID-STREAM". HOUGHTON

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